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Serial No.: 09/379,270

Filed: August 23, 1999

For: HIV-3 RETROVIRUS AND ITS USE

SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Abstract

Please add the following abstract:

N.E. --Described is a new variety of retrovirus designated HIV-3, also known as HIV-1 subtype
O, samples of which are deposited in the European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures (ECACC)
under V88060301. Further described are variants of the virus.--

In The Specification

At page 2, line 1, insert the following:

A1 --This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 08/900,902, filed July 25,
1997, now issued as United States Patent No. 6,013,484, which is a divisional of Serial No.

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COMMENTS:

Further to our telephone conversation, attached is a Substitute Preliminary Amendment. Please substitute this Preliminary Amendment for the one filed August 23, 1999. This amendment cancels claims 1- 36 of the original application and adds new claims 37 and 38.

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